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a fastener receiving member having an opening to receive a bone fastener,
the fastener receiving member rotatably and slidably mounted with respect to the coupler
member to adjust the position of the fastener, the fastener receiving member being
mountable in the third opening of the coupler member.

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20. The coupler assembly of claim 17, wherein the longitudinal axis of the third opening is transverse to the longitudinal axis of the second opening.

22. The coupler assembly of 17, wherein the opening in the fastener receiving member is circular in configuration.

24. The coupler assembly of 17, wherein the bone fastener is a screw.

26. The coupler assembly of 25, further comprising an insert member mountable within the second opening, the insert member having a first recess which conforms to the shape of the spinal rod.

a third opening dimensioned to slidably receive an elongated connector to mount a bone fastener, the third opening having a third longitudinal axis extending therethrough transverse to the first longitudinal axis and the second longitudinal axis.

37. The spinal rod coupler of claim 36, wherein at least portion of the second opening is threaded.

38. The spinal rod coupler of claim 36, wherein the periphery of the first and third openings are longitudinally spaced.

39. The spinal rod coupler of claim 37, wherein the coupler is substantially cylindrical in configuration.

40. A spinal rod coupler assembly comprising:
a coupler having a first opening to receive a spinal rod;
a connecting member extending from the coupler; and
a bone fastener positioned within the connecting member, wherein
movement of the connecting member with respect to the coupler adjusts the position of the
bone fastener.

41. The spinal rod coupler assembly of claim 40, wherein the connecting member is slidably movable within a first bore formed in the coupler.

42. The spinal rod coupler assembly of claim 41, wherein the connecting member is rotatably mounted within the first bore.

43. The spinal rod coupler assembly of claims 40, wherein the coupler is slidably mounted with respect to the spinal rod.

44. The spinal rod coupler assembly of claim 40, wherein the coupler is rotatably mounted with respect to the spinal rod.

45. The spinal rod coupler assembly of claim 40, wherein the bone fastener is received in a circular opening in the connecting member.

47. A spinal rod coupler assembly providing four degrees of freedom for connecting a spinal rod to a vertebrae of a patient, comprising:

b) a plurality of openings in the coupler member, each of the openings communicating with the bore;

d) the first opening being sized and shaped to receive a spinal rod having a longitudinal axis, the rod's longitudinal axis aligning with the first line of the first opening of the coupler body;

f) whereby the coupler assembly provides for movement along four degrees of freedom which include a movement along and a rotation about the longitudinal axis of the spinal rod, and a movement along a rotation about the central axis of the eyebolt shank when the assembly is being implanted in a patient.